



City of Rowlett

Meeting Minutes

City Council

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Tuesday, September 1, 2015

5:45 P.M.

Municipal Building – 4000 Main Street

As authorized by Section 551.071 of the Texas Government Code, this meeting may be convened into closed Executive Session for the purpose of seeking confidential legal advice from the City Attorney on any agenda item herein.

The City of Rowlett reserves the right to reconvene, recess or realign the Regular Session or called Executive Session or order of business at any time prior to adjournment.

Present: Mayor Gottel, Mayor Pro Tem Gallops, Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Dana-Bashian, Councilmember van Bloemendaal, Councilmember Pankratz and Councilmember Sheffield

Absent: Councilmember Bobbitt

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Gottel called the meeting to order at 5:49 p.m.

2. EXECUTIVE SESSION (5:45 P.M.) * Times listed are approximate.

- 2A.** The City Council shall convene into Executive Session pursuant to the Texas Government Code, §551.071 (Consultation with Attorney) and §551.074 (Personnel) to receive legal advice from the City Attorney and to discuss pay and other matters for municipal judges and prosecutors. (30 minutes)

In at 5:49 p.m. Out at 6:11 p.m.

3. WORK SESSION (6:15 P.M.)

- 3A.** Discuss FY2016 Budget. (30 minutes)

Brian Funderburk, City Manager, reviewed the changes and updates made thus far for the proposed budget and introduced the possibility of using sales tax from liquor sales to provide additional funds for Economic Development. Council discussion regarding a discussion held with

members of the Golf Advisory Board and a request for additional funds for small projects at Waterview Golf Club.

3B. Update on Community Health Paramedicine Pilot Program. (10 minutes)

Neil Howard, Fire Chief, reviewed the program thus far and the proposal for continuing the program through grant funding from the Dallas County Hospital Coalition.

3C. Discuss FY2015 Budget Amendment. (20 minutes)

Terri Doby, Budget Officer, reviewed the three changes for the update.

4. DISCUSS CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Item 7H was pulled at the request of the City Attorney. It will be discussed at the next Council meeting. Council requested clarification of item 7G.

Council took a short break at 7:07 p.m. Mayor Gottel left the meeting at this time.

CONVENE INTO THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS (7:30 P.M.)*

Council reconvened at 7:31 p.m.

INVOCATION – Larry Traylor, Church in the City

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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5. PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

5A. Presentation of Proclamation to Cliff and Jan Hand, owners of Recherche' Furnishings, Inc., Keep Texas Beautiful Civic Organization Award for a Locally Owned Business.

Councilmember van Bloemendaal, along with Martha Brown of Keep Rowlett Beautiful, presented the proclamation.

5B. Presentation of Proclamation in recognition of Hunger Action Month.

Mayor Pro Tem Gallops presented the proclamation to Chris and Tina Kizziar of Life Message.

5C. Presentation of Proclamation in recognition of Blood Cancer Awareness Month.

Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Dana-Bashian presented the proclamation with her husband, Barry, who is a cancer survivor.

- 5D.** Hear presentation of the Monthly Financial report for the period ending July 31, 2015.

Interim Finance Director, Wendy Badgett, presented the report.

- 5E.** Hear Third Quarter Investment Report for June 30, 2015.

Interim Finance Director, Wendy Badgett, presented the report.

- 5F.** Update from the City Council and Management: Financial Position, Major Projects, Operational Issues, Upcoming Dates of Interest and Items of Community Interest.

Mayor Pro Tem Gallops announced the following: Council meetings - Next regular Council meetings will be held on Tuesday, September 15th. Notice – no Council meeting on the first Tuesday in October – 10/6, so that Council may attend National Night Out events throughout the City. Council meetings in October will be Tuesday, October 13th and 20th. P & Z meetings - Tuesday, September 8th and 22nd – held in the City Hall Conference Room at 6:30pm. Rowlett Library - Library Visioning Task Force meets Wednesday, September 2nd, 6:30pm in the Annex Conference Room. Upcoming events: Family Saturday crafts – September 12th, held @ RCC @ 2pm. Technology Petting Zoo – Saturday, Sept 26th, held @ Library @ 2pm. Arts & Humanities photography contest - Entries accepted @ the RCC this Saturday, September 5th from 10am to noon. 2015 theme – Whatever Floats Your Boat. Visit Arts & Humanities page at rowlett.com for more information. Parks and Recreation - Kids Kingdom - Kids Kingdom Playground Committee meets weekly, all meetings open to public – Held on Tuesday evenings at RCC; for more information check on the City's website on the home page, rebuild Kids Kingdom! Selling fence pickets now – for the price \$50 each. Volunteers needed!! Sign up now for “build week” – Nov. 30 – Dec. 6. Activities for seniors: Senior potluck lunch social - Second Thursday of the month; 11:30am at RCC. September 10th and October 8th are the next lunches. Lunch around town - Fourth Tuesday of the month @ 11:30 am; September 22nd next date. Animal shelter - Low cost vaccine clinic at Animal Shelter – Saturday, September 12th, 1 – 3pm. Located at 4402 Industrial St. Shelter is open Monday – Saturday, 10am – 5pm. City offices closed for Labor Day holiday Monday, September 7th. There will be regular trash pick-up for Monday.

Animal Shelter staff brought Atlas, a Labrador Retriever, who is one of the many animals available for adoption at the shelter. Mayor Pro Tem Gallops offered to pay \$5 of the adoption fee.

6. CITIZENS' INPUT

There were no speakers.

7. CONSENT AGENDA

- 7A.** Consider action to approve minutes from the August 11, 2015, Joint City Council and Charter Review Commission Meeting, the August 17, 2015, City Council Budget Work Session, and the August 18, 2015, City Council Regular Meeting.

This item was approved on the Consent Agenda.

- 7B. Consider action to approve a resolution authorizing the final acceptance and release of retainage for the Eastside Lift Station Upgrades Project in the amount of \$155,625 to J.S. Haren Company and authorize the Mayor to execute the necessary documents for said services.

This item was approved as RES-098-15 on the Consent Agenda.

- 7C. Consider action to approve a resolution accepting the bid of and awarding a contract to Silsbee Ford for the purchase of one (1) Ford Fusion Hybrid in the amount of \$25,081.00 for the Fleet Department through the Interlocal Cooperative Purchasing Agreement with the Texas Local Government Purchasing Cooperative (BuyBoard), Contract # 430-13.

This item was approved as RES-099-15 on the Consent Agenda.

- 7D. Consider action to approve a resolution accepting the bid of and awarding a contract to Freedom-CDJR for the purchase of one (1) four wheel drive Chevy Colorado in the amount of \$29,790.00 for the Fleet Department through the Interlocal Cooperative Purchasing Agreement with the Texas Local Government Purchasing Cooperative (Texas Smart Buy), Contract # 071-A1.

This item was approved as RES-100-15 on the Consent Agenda.

- 7E. Consider action to approve a resolution accepting the bid of and awarding contract to Freedom-CDJR in the amount of \$34,505.00 for the purchase of one (1) Regular Cab Dodge Ram 2500 long bed for the Fleet Department through the Interlocal Cooperative Purchasing Agreement with Houston-Galveston Area Council (H-GAC), Contract # VE11-13, Product Code # J04.

This item was approved as RES-101-15 on the Consent Agenda.

- 7F. Consider a resolution to approve Task Authorization #143-FNI for the Agreement for Professional Services with Freese & Nichols, Inc. in the amount of \$110,364.00 to update the City's stormwater utility ordinance and fee schedule and authorizing the Mayor to execute the necessary documents for said services.

This item was approved as RES-102-15 on the Consent Agenda.

- 7G. Consider action to approve a resolution authorizing Change Order #1 in the amount of \$3,000.00, and the final acceptance of the 2015 Chamber Building Relocation Project, and authorizing the Mayor to execute the necessary documents.

This item was approved as RES-103-15 on the Consent Agenda.

- 7H. Consider action to authorize the City Manager to negotiate and execute an interlocal agreement between the City of Garland and the City of Rowlett for the acquisition of the Public Safety Radio System.

This item was pulled from the Consent Agenda and was not considered.

Passed the Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Dana-Bashian, seconded by Councilmember Sheffield, including all the preceding items marked as having been approved on the Consent Agenda. The motion carried with a unanimous vote of those members present.

8. ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

- 8A.** Consider and take action on a request to allow an alternative building material at 8120 Lakeview Parkway, further described as Lot 1, Block A, Primo Plaza Addition, City of Rowlett, Dallas County, Texas.

Marc Kurbansade, Director of Development Services, provided the background information on this item. Council discussion regarding life of the product and line of sight of the improvements.

A motion was made by Councilmember Sheffield, seconded by Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Dana-Bashian, to approve the item as presented. The motion carried with a unanimous vote of those members present. This item was approved as RES-104-15 on the Consent Agenda.

- 8B.** Conduct a public hearing (2nd) on the ad valorem tax rate for FY 2015-16.

The public hearing opened and closed with no speakers.

- 8C.** Conduct a public hearing (2nd) on the proposed budget for FY 2015-16.

The public hearing opened and closed with no speakers.


Council discussion regarding clarification of increase in water rates for average account and the need to not push off maintenance of water/wastewater infrastructure for too long.

TAKE ANY NECESSARY OR APPROPRIATE ACTION ON CLOSED/EXECUTIVE SESSION MATTERS


There was no action taken.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Pro Tem Gallops adjourned the meeting at 8:36 p.m.



Todd W. Gottel, Mayor



Laura Hallmark, City Secretary

Date Approved: September 15, 2015